

Long Term Care Prevention and Surveillance Plan

New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services

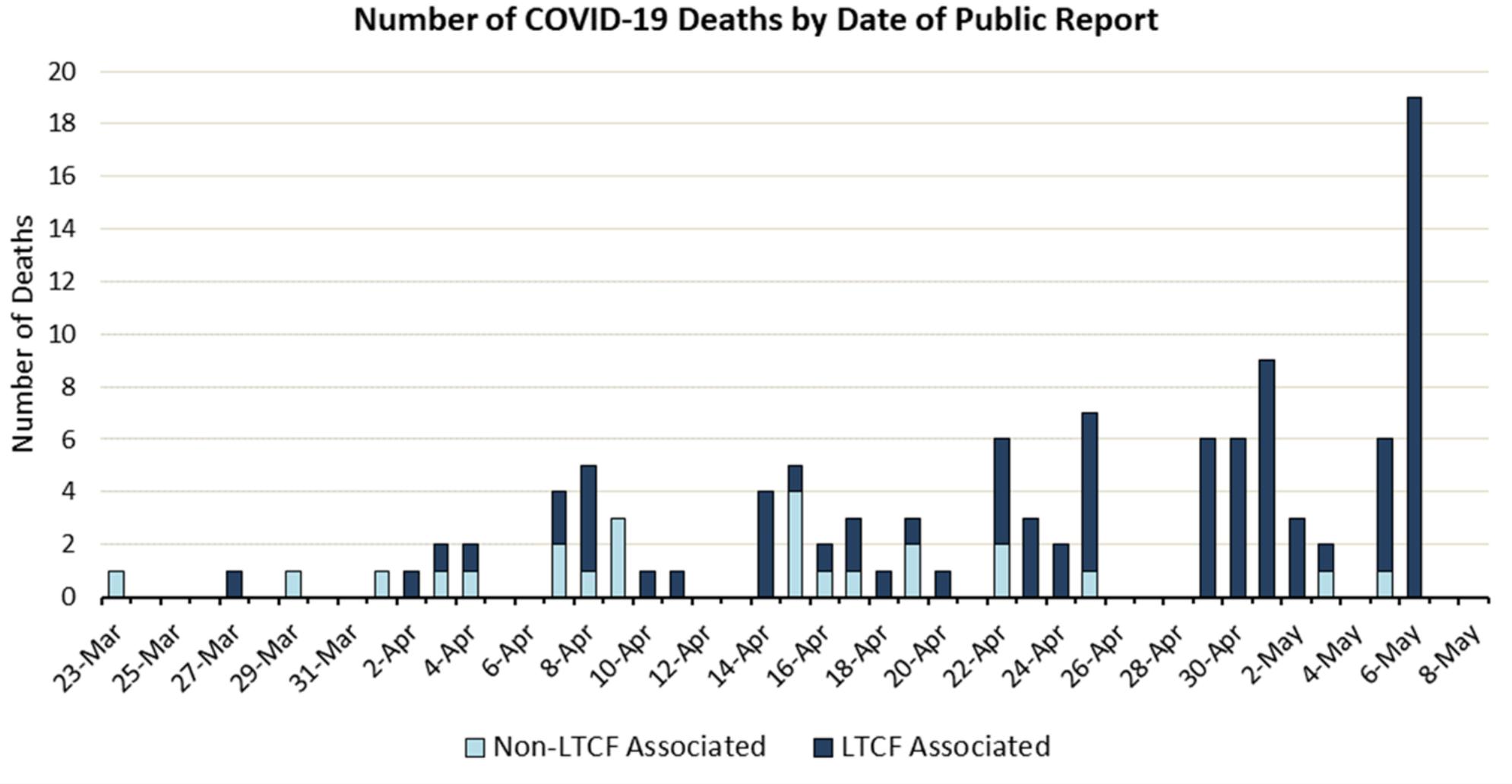


Long Term Care Data

- Number of residents tested by DPHS to date: 917
 - 126 additional scheduled for today
- Number of employees at LTC facilities tested by DPHS to date: 757
 - 187 additional scheduled for today
- Convenient MD testing of employees of LTC facilities in Rockingham and Hillsborough Counties:
 - 4212 tested out of 5579 employees (75%)
 - 93 positives in 19 different facilities
- Convenient MD testing of LTCF employees in Merrimack and Strafford Counties begins tomorrow, 5/7



Of 111 total deaths, 24 (22%) have not been associated with LTCF outbreaks, 87 (78%) have been associated with LTCF outbreaks



COVID-19 Impact on LTC Facilities in US

- Disproportionate impact on staff and residents of these facilities in every state in the country.
 - 1.3 million people living in nursing homes
 - 800,000 in assisted living facilities
 - 75,000 in intermediate care facilities
 - 3 million people who work in skilled nursing or residential care facilities
- Between 4/23-4/29, increasing COVID-19 activity in LTC facilities in US has been remarkable:
 - 20% increase in LTC facilities experiencing COVID-19 cases (4,069 LTCFs on 4/23 to 5,093 on 4/29)
 - 44% increase in cases in LTC facilities (50,775 cases to 91,652)
 - 37% more COVID-related deaths (10,378 deaths to 16,556)

Source: Kaiser Family Foundation



Nursing Home Resident Testing

- The Department received our lab supplies on Monday to fully execute our full state wide plans for testing both for diagnosis and surveillance.
- Anterior Nares Swabbing – now validated. Allows for facilities to do resident testing without sending testing teams into facilities.
- Each facility will be provided the supplies to do an anterior nares swab to perform a COVID-19 test on each resident.
- Once completed, the Division of Public Health will perform Sentinel Surveillance programming, requiring randomly selected facilities to perform random samples of residents each week.



Nursing Home Staff Testing

- 7 – 9 mobile teams testing in partnership with National Guard, State DHHS and Private Partnerships.
- The goal is to offer serial nursing home staff testing every 7-10 days at each nursing home.
- This will be combination of Anterior Nares tests and Nasopharyngeal tests.
- Between times of serial testing, all LTC staff can sign themselves up for testing at any of our fixed sites or mobile sites.
- We will continue to go in and test full facilities on request.



Community Testing and Surveillance

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Community Testing Plan

- Five Fixed Sites – Plymouth, Tamworth, Lancaster, Rochester, Claremont.
- Any critical business that would like employees tested prior to returning to full operations can call our Central Coordinating Office to schedule testing or have individual employees sign up for an appointment online.
- Anyone with any symptoms, underlying conditions, over the age of 60 or is a healthcare worker can schedule an appointment to be tested.
- Convenient MD can perform testing on any of the above population. You can call 271-5980 to schedule a test.
- You no longer need your primary care to order a test. You can schedule and appointment in three ways:



Scheduling a Test

- Through your physician's office
- Schedule an appointment through the online registration portal at: www.nh.gov/covid19
- Call the COVID-19 Coordinating Office: (603) 271-5980

